

C<sup>2</sup> 11. (Twice Amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) comprises~~  
[comprising] removing [the] ~~particulates~~ and then removing [the] residual oils from the  
solvent based layer.

5 C<sup>3</sup> 13. (Twice Amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) comprises~~  
[comprising] removing [the] residual oils and particulates from the solvent based layer  
to form a filtrate and recycling the filtrate.

14. (Twice Amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) comprises~~  
[comprising] removing [the] residual oils and particulates from the solvent based layer  
to form a filtrate and treating the filtrate to remove at least some of the solvent.

10 C<sup>4</sup> 18. (Twice Amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein [the] step (c) comprises~~  
[of] removing residual oils and particulates from the solvent based layer [comprises] by  
subjecting the solvent based layer to centrifugation to form a third liquid containing  
gelatin.

15 19. (Amended) ~~The method of claim 1 [further comprising] wherein step (c)~~  
comprises separating [the] particulates from [the] residual oils, said method further  
comprising [and] forwarding the residual oils to the non-solvent based layer.

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23. (Amended) The method of claim 22 wherein the softening agent is [selected from polyols] at least one polyol.

44. (Amended) [A] The method of [treating a waste material containing gelatin] claim 1 further comprising:

5 [a] combining the waste material and a solvent for the gelatin to form a liquid containing gelatin;

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b) separating the liquid into a solvent based layer and a non-solvent based layer;

10 c) removing residual oils and/or particulates from the solvent based layer to form a second liquid containing gelatin having a higher purity than the first liquid; and

d)] treating the non-solvent based layer by distillation or reverse osmosis to remove oily components therefrom.

15 49. (Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein step (c) comprises [comprising] removing [the] particulates and then removing [the] residual oils.

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50. (Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein step (c) comprises [comprising] removing [the] residual oils at a temperature of from about 30 to 70°C and a dilution volume of up to 5 volumes using a liquid:liquid coalescer.

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51. (Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein step (c) comprises [comprising]  
removing [the] residual oils and particulates to form a filtrate and recycling the filtrate.

52. (Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein step (c) comprises  
[comprising] removing [the] residual oils and particulates to form a filtrate and treating  
5 the filtrate to remove at least some of the solvent.

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56. (Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein step (c) comprises [the step  
of] removing residual oils and particulates from the solvent based layer [comprises] by  
subjecting the solvent based layer to centrifugation to form a third liquid containing  
gelatin.

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57. (Amended) The method of claim 44 wherein step (c) comprises [further  
comprising] separating [the] particulates from [the] residual oils and forwarding the  
residual oils to the non-solvent based layer.

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64. (Amended) The method of claim 63 wherein the softening agent is [selected  
from polyols] at least one polyol.

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70. (Amended) A method of treating a waste material containing gelatin  
comprising:

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a) combining the waste material and a solvent for the gelatin to form  
a first liquid containing gelatin; and